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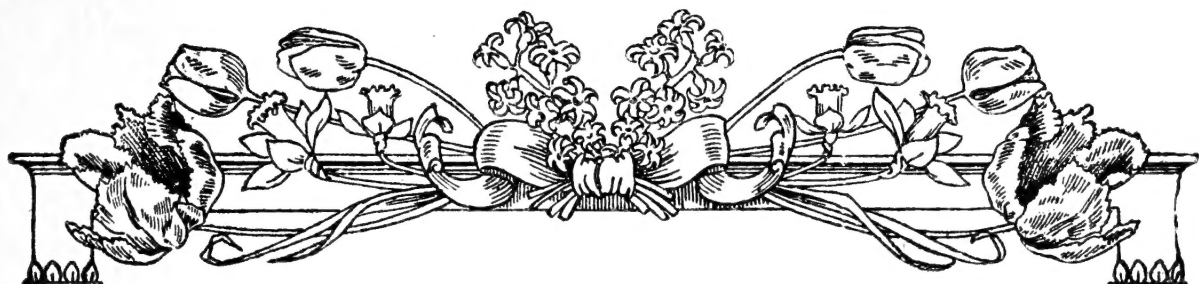
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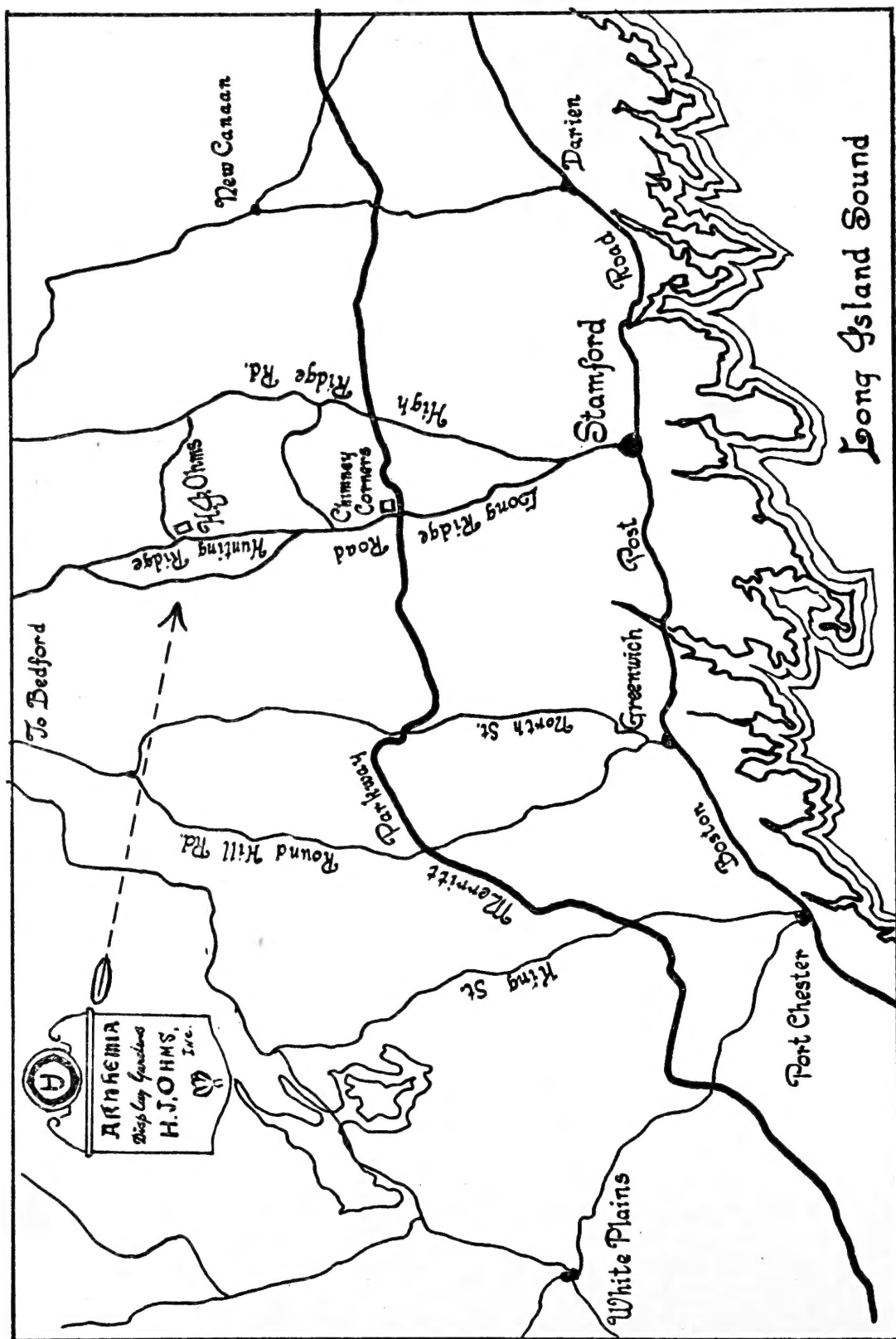
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How to Reach "Arnhemia"

Better Results Through Service

Indicative of the ever changing times in our field, after the dark years now behind us, is the returning interest for the flower garden, no matter how small and the desire to learn how to evade the pitfalls and failures, which are so discouraging.

It is also evident that the smaller gardens are coming to the fore and that the owners, of necessity as well as love for the outdoors, are taking considerable interest in the work.

Being vitally interested in the results attained with our material, we invite inquiries regarding location, soil and fertilizer by mail; you are also more than welcome to visit "Arnhemia."

When space is limited, it seems sensible to buy little but buy the best quality, as well as the newer varieties. In this booklet we are offering just that; every variety listed is considered tops by the experts and good habits as well as growing qualities have not been neglected.

A well balanced planting is of vital importance, assuring sufficient color throughout the season and the proper background; problems of this nature can hardly be solved by mail and we shall be very pleased to give on-the-spot advice, supply planting plans and have the work done under our supervision, no matter how small your garden.

There is no reason why even the smallest garden should not give the joy and satisfaction and above all the relaxation, so essential to all.

Arnhemia Gardens

Hunting Ridge and Haviland Roads
STAMFORD, CONN.

P. O. Box 222

Tel. 4-4054

Gladioli

Great strides have been made in the field of Gladioli and we are listing below, what we consider a well balanced selection of the best varieties.

We call your special attention to the **MINIATURE GLADIOLI**.

Our Gladioli Bulbs are guaranteed to be free from thrips, true to name and we shall replace any bulb, supplied by us, which does not produce satisfactory flowers under ordinary care.

Select a sunny location away from the roots of shrubs and trees; plant 4 to 6 inches deep and 4 to 6 inches apart in a well worked trench in staggered rows. Be sure to keep well watered at all times, also keep the soil loose.

Fall fertilizing of the ground selected for Gladioli with well rotted cowmanure and coarse bonemeal is advisable, leaving the ground rough. In case this was not done, either cowmanure or a well balanced fertilizer should be applied and worked into the soil before planting. At the time of bud forming, a light application of ammonium sulphate after a heavy rain and before cultivating, will bring out the color and increase the size of the florets and length of spikes.

Although our Gladioli are guaranteed to be free from thrips, these insects can be easily transmitted from elsewhere. It is thereby advisable to watch for them when plants are about 3 inches tall and if found, spray weekly with the following solution:

1 oz. of tartar Emetic
2 oz. of brown sugar
3 gallons of water

We have listed the approximate flowering season of each variety as follows:

E Early, under 70 days from planting.
EM Early midseason, from 70—80 days.
M Midseason, from 80—90 days.
LM Late midseason, over 90 days from planting.

Gladioli

WHITE

MAID OF ORLEANS (M)

A beautiful white, with light cream throat. Tall spike with 6-8 perfectly placed florets. \$1.25 for 10, \$10.00 per 100.

MARGARET BEATON (EM)

Pure snow white with small orange scarlet blotch in the throat. Excellent for hybridizing. \$1.75 for 10, \$15.00 per 100.

SNOW PRINCESS (EM)

Large white, producing tall straight spike, with 6 or more large blooms open at one time. An excellent grower and good producer. \$1.70 for 10, \$14.00 per 100.

CREAM

BINGO (LM)

Immense cream sport of Picardy; splendid novelty of good growth and fine habits. \$1.40 for 10, \$11.50 per 100.

CORONA (M)

Creamy white, shading more cream towards the throat, with a rose picotee edge on all petals. A very distinctive and beautiful variety, husky grower and fine producer. \$1.75 for 10, \$15.00 per 100.

LEADING LADY (M)

A cream white sport of Picardy which is just like its parent at its best, except for color. A wonderful exhibition variety. \$1.00 each, \$8.00 for 10.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE (LM)

Immense, ruffled cream-white seedling of Picardy. \$1.40 for 10, \$11.50 per 100.

WHITE GOLD (M)

Very large, clear light cream, shading to a golden throat. Tall, very vigorous and a good propagator, 4-6 huge well placed blooms open on a long head. \$6.00 for 10.

YELLOW

GATE OF HEAVEN(M)

Tall, strong growing, pure, rich deep yellow. Large ruffled florets, well placed. \$1.25 for 10, \$10.00 per 100.

GOLDEN GATE (M)

Tall, deep yellow, light weight spikes and blooms somewhat hooded. This is really a beautiful deep yellow. \$2.50 for 10, \$22.50 per 100.

Gladioli

MOTHER KADEL (M)

Clear medium yellow, with no markings; 5-7 well placed blooms on a spike from 15-17 buds. \$2.50 for 10, \$22.50 per 100.

OREGON GOLD (M)

Light creamy yellow that opens 9-10 large, somewhat ruffled blooms on a tall plant, with a long flowerhead. \$2.75 for \$10, \$25.00 per 100.

PINK

BIG TOP (M)

Light pink with small carmine feather in the throat; long flowerhead and very large blooms. A fine propagator. \$3.50 for 10, \$32.50 per 100.

CONNECTICUT YANKEE (M)

Fine clean light pink, with red throat blotch. Twelve blooms open at one time; a sterling novelty. \$5.00 each.

GRETA GARBO (M)

Beautiful soft, light rose, with a cream lower lip. An older but still very popular variety, due to the very unusual shade; a sturdy grower. \$1.75 for 10, \$15.00 per 100.

MARGUERITE (LM)

Clear watermelon pink, with creamy yellow throat; enormous flowerheads and spikes. A vigorous grower. \$2.50 for 10, \$22.50 per 100.

MISS WISCONSIN(LM)

A beautiful new shade of rose pink; distinctively different and in great demand, so that stocks are very limited. \$1.00 each, \$8.00 for 10.

ROSY MORN (M)

Clear, light coral rose, with a large white blotch, 6-8 beautiful, large florets open at one time. Perfect placement and strong grower. \$1.75 for 10, \$15.00 per 100.

SALMON PINK

ALADDIN (M)

Bright salmon with cream blotch. Opens 8-10 huge, gorgeous blooms on a long head. A strong husky grower and a good propagator. \$1.40 for 10, \$11.50 per 100.

DR. WHITELEY (M)

Clear yellow apricot with golden throat. Opens up to 7 large, well placed blooms on a tall straight plant. \$0.75 each, \$6.00 for 10.

Gladioli

KING WILLIAM (M)

Soft salmon and apricot, with cream throat; A Picardy sport which surpasses this variety in every way. \$1.85 for 10, \$16.00 per 100.

MRS. LULU HUNT (E)

A beautiful light salmon variety of great charm and distinction. Very early and of sturdy habits. \$1.40 for 10, \$11.50 per 100.

ORANGE AND SALMON ORANGE

BARCAROLE (LM)

Exquisite, large, clear grenadine orange; very distinctive and the best in its color. Opens 6-7 heavily ruffled blooms at a time. \$1.50 for 10, \$12.50 per 100.

BRIGHTSIDE (E)

Very early canary yellow, shading to deep orange; tall and straight, splendid cutflower. \$1.25 for 10, \$10.00 per 100.

ORANGE PRINCESS (M)

Beautiful salmon orange with small crimson feather. Prolific bloomer and good grower. \$1.25 for 10, \$10.00 per 100.

LAVENDER, PURPLE AND VIOLET

BLUE BEAUTY (E)

Medium blue shading, darker towards the edges; large wide open blooms, tall, strong grower. Best medium blue on the market. \$1.40 for 10, \$11.50 per 100.

ELIZABETH THE QUEEN (M)

Beautiful clear lavender mauve, with dark lines in the throat, beautifully ruffled and fine form. \$0.75 each.

PARNASSUS (M)

Rich pansy purple with very large florets on a sturdy spike. \$1.40 for 10, \$11.50 per 100.

PURPLE BEAUTY (M)

Large, round flowers of a clear deep purple, many open at one time. \$1.40 for 10, \$11.40 per 100.

RED

ALGONQUIN (E)

Brilliant red, large, wide open blooms; 8-10 flowers open at one time. One of the best. \$1.40 for 10, \$11.50 per 100.

BEACON (M)

Clear, bright rose scarlet, with large cream blotch; 8-10 medium large, somewhat ruffled blooms on a tall, straight, willowy plant. \$1.25 for 10 \$10.00 per 100.

Gladioli

OHIO NONPAREIL (M)

Large, bright, clear scarlet; opens 9 huge blooms on a long flower-head. Grows five feet or over and is a fine exhibition variety. \$2.50 for 10, \$22.50 per 100.

DARK CRIMSON AND MAROON

AMERICAN COMMANDER (M)

Tall, lustrous deep red; one of the best. \$1.75 for 10, \$15.00 per 100.

MOHAWK (LM)

Dark, glistening, velvety red, with no markings. Opens 8 well placed 5" blooms at one time; one of the best dark reds. \$4.00 for 10, \$35.00 per 100.

REWI FALLU (M)

Showy, deep crimson red of fine habits and sturdy growth. \$1.40 for 10, \$11.50 per 100.

SMOKY AND ART SHADES

HIGH FINANCE (LM)

Smoky, light orange gray, with cream throat; opens up to 9 large, slightly ruffled florets on a long head. \$3.00 for 10, \$27.50 per 100.

MISTY DAWN (LM)

Soft, smoky, gray salmon, with light bluish flakes at the edges and showy, large orange blotch. The florets are very large, round petalled and 6-9 open at one time. \$2.50 for 10, \$22.50 per 100.

VAGABOND PRINCE (LM)

Iridescent, garnet brown, lighter in upper throat. small scarlet blotch below. A striking variety of unusual qualities. \$1.40 for 10, \$11.50 per 100.



Miniature Gladioli

For those who are inclined to consider Gladioli stiff and ungraceful, here is a type so dainty, so lovely in its purity of coloring and in the ruffled and frilled florets, hardly known and most deserving of the increasing popularity amongst fanciers.

The individual florets from 1 to 2 inches in diameter are gracefully placed on wiry spikes of from 15 to 30 inches, in bulk of bloom considerably less than that of the large varieties, perhaps only one eighth to one fifth as much.

The Miniature Gladioli are exceptionally suitable for table decorations or for accent points in low flower arrangements.

The varieties listed below are the best and have kept pace with the great advancement of the large types; they are strong growers and rapid increasers. Plant two inches deep and do not use fertilizer.

KEWPIE

Light red with edging of white. \$2.00 for 10.

SUB DEB

Nicely ruffled small white. \$2.00 for 10.

PINOCCHIO

Beautiful novelty blending of pastel shades. Grows taller than some of the others. \$5.00 for 10.

TWEEDLEDUM

Red with gold throat, much darker than Kewpie. \$3.50 for 10.

IMP

Red purple with white throat. \$4.50 for 10.

BLUET

Light violet. \$4.50 for 10.

CARLAKE

Rose red. \$2.50 for 10.

FADDIST

Buff with slight red lines. \$2.50 for 10.

THE ORCHID

Orchid color. \$3.00 for 10.

DAINTY MISS

Pink. \$2.00 for 10.

WHITE TWEEDLE

White with attractive purple throat blotch. \$4.00 per 10.

LOVELINESS

Tiny pink. \$2.50 for 10.

PERKY

Wonderfully fine small scarlet. \$3.00 for 10.

CINDERELLA

Apple blossom pink with rich cream throat; choicest of all. \$0.75 each.

Montbretias

Unusually graceful flowers, measuring from three to four inches diameter, in shades of sulphur yellow to the most brilliant orange scarlet, on wiry stems two to three feet tall; very useful for the border and for cutting, flowering from August into October.

These bulbs should be treated as Gladioli, but should be planted more shallow, not over three inches deep.

APRICOT QUEEN

Rich golden apricot, one of the first in blossom. \$2.75 for 10, \$25.00 per 100.

AURORA

Very large, flat, star shaped flowers, with broad petals of great substance, bright golden orange, suffused and shaded darker maroon blotches in center, three feet tall and one of the largest. \$2.25 for 10, \$18.00 per 100.

COMET

Large star shaped flower of fine substance, rich deep golden orange, with broad band of blood crimson, yellow center, dark colored stems 2½ ft. \$2.75 for 10, \$25.00 per 100.

HIS MAJESTY

A glorious variety, flowers measuring four inches or more across, very broad petalled deep velvety scarlet shading down to gold, reverse of petals dark crimson, the largest flowered of all montbretias. \$2.75 for 10, \$25.00 per 100.

LORD NELSON

Deep orange scarlet, golden center, robust growth. \$2.00 for 10, \$17.50 per 100.

ORANGE PRINCESS

Large orange yellow flowers with small mahogany blotches in the center; very free and vigorous flowering. \$2.25 for 10, \$20.00 per 100.

PRINCESS

Brilliant ruby scarlet, yellow center. \$1.50 for 10, \$12.50 per 100.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA

A choice variety of early habit, golden yellow flushed apricot. Carmine blotch on base of petals. \$2.00 for 10, \$17.50 per 100.

UNA

Rich golden apricot with crimson blotches in center, reverse of petals deep golden orange, flushed crimson. \$1.75 for 10, \$15.00 per 100.

Dahlias

Any type of soil can be made suitable to grow good Dahlias and one never goes wrong in adding humus and fine sand to insure proper drainage and keep the soil porous. A complete fertilizer, preferably 2-10-6 (nitrogen-phosphate-potash) applied and worked in after planting will be sufficient.

Before planting the ground should be spaded well; plant four inches deep and 4 feet apart and a sturdy stake should be put in at the same time.

ALL AMERICA S.C.

Giant blooms of rose with an orange undertone. A vigorous grower and outstanding exhibition variety. Roots \$3.00.

AMERICAN PURITY S.C.

Pure glistening white. Huge blooms on the best of stems. Roots \$1.50.

CARL G. DAHL I.D.

A well known exhibition variety which can easily be grown twelve inches; blooms have a loose open formation with large, slightly curved petals. The color is a magnificent apricot buff, shaded old rose on the reverse of the petals. Roots \$1.00.

COMMANDO F.D.

A very clean shade of dark lavender; the large flowers are produced on a healthy plant. Very early. Roots \$4.00.

DIXIE'S MASTERPIECE I.D.

A beautiful blend of rose and gold; one of the largest Dahlias grown. Roots \$2.50.

EVELYN CHANDLER S.C.

Large golden apricot. Roots \$3.00.

EVENTIDE I.D.

Here is a purple informal that is hard to beat; it produces big blooms on excellent stems and is of free and vigorous habit. Roots \$1.00.

JERSEY BEAUTY F.D.

Large pure pink on long erect stems; an old variety, but still in great demand. Roots \$0.75.

MAFFIE S.C.

Intense carmine of stupendous size. Roots \$3.00.

Dahlias

MICHIGAN WHITE S.C.

An excellent pure white cutflower variety which stands the hot weather very well. Still an outstanding exhibition variety. Roots \$1.00

PREMIER'S MAJESTIC I.D.

Salmon gold. Roots \$2.00.

SONIA S.C.

Prolific pink; blooms early and continues throughout the season. Roots \$2.00.

VIRGINIA RUTE I.D.

One of the largest in its color class. Deep maroon blooms with tight centers. A mid-season bloomer. Roots \$1.00.

WINGS S.C.

Large dark maroon on a vigorous bush. Roots \$3.50.



Miniature Dahlias

ANDRIES ORANGE C.

True bright orange

BISHOP OF LLANDAFF

Scarlet, dark foliage

BUCKEYE BABY F.D.

Bronze.

CHICO

Bright scarlet. Roots \$2.00.

GOLDEN YOUTH

Bright gold.

LITTLE COLONEL

Soft pink.

LUSTRE S.C.

Bright yellow. Roots \$2.50.

MISS INNOCENCE

Pure white.

RALEIGH

Salmon rose.

ROYAL PRINCE

Orange and white.

TOWNLEY'S WELCOME

Bright pink.

Selected roots \$1.00 each
Except where priced otherwise

Single Dahlias

ESTHER BIRD

White.

NEWPORT WONDER

Rose pink.

PEQUOT YELLOW

Clear yellow.

ROY'S SINGLE

Crimson edged white. \$2.00 each.

Selected Roots \$0.75 each
Except where priced otherwise

Pompon Dahlias

DEE DEE

Lavender.

DONNIE

Orange.

EDITH MUELLER

Cerise pink.

HONEY

Yellow.

ILA

Deep blood red.

LITTLE DORRIT

Bright purple.

LITTLE SUNSHINE

Light gold

MISS MARJORIE

Pansy purple. \$1.50 each.

MORNING MIST

White tipped lavender.

MRS. FRENCH

Shell pink.

Selected Roots \$0.75 each
Except where priced otherwise

Hardy Phlox

(including many newest introductions)

Phlox may be planted in Spring as well as in the Fall and is one of the most dependable subjects for summer flowering, when blooms are scarce in the border.

BORDER QUEEN

Clear deep rose pink. Low growing.

CAROLINE VANDENBURG

The best "blue" to date. A lovely fascinating color; the trusses and individual blooms are large.

DAILY SKETCH

Salmon pink with vivid crimson eye.

EUROPA

Pure white with red eye.

FIDELIO

White with carmine-red center.

JULES SANDEAU

Although one of the older varieties, this is still recommended; the plants are low, but of vigorous growth and the flowers are of a rich pink color.

JULIGLUT

Very showy; glowing purple.

LILLIAN

An exceptionally fine light pink.

MISS LINGAARD

The earliest variety to bloom and a pure white.

MOONLIGHT DREAM

Largest pure white flowers.

PARACHUTE

A beautiful bright mauve with white center.

P. D. WILLIAMS

Very showy apple blossom pink.

ROSEA SUPERBA

Shell pink with deeper pink eye.

R. P. STRUTHERS

Fine rosy red with claret eye.

ALL VARIETIES

STRONG THREE TO FIVE EYE DIVISIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE EFFECT

\$3.00 for 5, \$5.50 for 10.

Iris Kaempferi

(Newest Introductions)

Blooming during June and July, these are particularly desirable for the border; the flowers last a long time, also when cut and their individual beauty makes them extremely unusual.

AZURE

Bright sky blue, heavily ruffled, very late flowering.

FLAMINGO

Deep rose, white center, very tall, blooming profusely.

FANTASY

Deep red, very double, spotted and striped white.

CONDOR

Large flat flower, round petals, red with golden center.

MAHOGANY

Deep mahogany red, yellow center, very tall and attractive.

HARBINGER

Very deep purple with golden center, the first to blossom.

IBIS

Bright red round flowers, very large and tall.

LIGHT IN THE OPAL

Light rose, flushed white.

RED CLOUD

Red, with yellow and white center; one of the latest to bloom.

RED EMPEROR

Deep red, very large and an early bloomer.

RED TRIUMPHATOR

Very large, deep red, white tufted center.

TRUE BLUE

Very large, true blue selfcolor.

WAVING WATERS

Very light blue, suffused with white, densely wavy petals.

ALL VARIETIES

STRONG THREE TO FIVE EYE DIVISIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE EFFECT

\$3.50 for 5, \$6.50 for 10.

Miscellaneous Bulbs And Roots

BEGONIAS

Tuberous Rooted

GIANT SINGLES

White, yellow, rose, pink, salmon, orange, scarlet, crimson, dark red.

GIANT CAMELLIA DOUBLE

White, yellow, rose, pink, salmon, orange, scarlet, crimson, dark red, apricot, blush, shell pink, crimson-rose, American Beauty, Cardinal red, red-salmon, gold, blush salmon, pastel salmon, yellow-salmon, light salmon, orange-salmon.

ALL VARIETIES AND COLORS \$30.00 per 100

DICENTRA SPECTABILIS (Bleeding Heart)

This old fashioned favorite should be in every garden. Easy to grow, the long racemes of graceful pink flowers in May are always attractive. \$6.50 for 10, \$60.00 per 100.

ISMENE CALATHINA (Peruvian Daffodil)

One of the best of our summer-flowering bulbs, bearing clusters of large, fragrant lily-white flowers resembling an Amaryllis. Extra selected bulbs. \$25.00 per 100.

TRITOMA

PFITZERI

Grass-like foliage, with curious spikes of orange scarlet flowers from August until October. \$3.00 for 10.

RUFA

This is the dwarf type of the above; the dainty flower is yellow and blooms from June until frost. \$4.00 for 10.

TUBEROSES MEXICAN SINGLE EVERBLOOMING

Flowers from July until late Fall. \$10.00 per 100.

TUBEROSES DOUBLE PEARL

\$15.00 per 100.

